THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIHARINPATHAK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The investigation of this case has been transferred to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Crime Branch of Delhi Police have so far examined 14 persons in connection with this case. Separately, the hand-writing expert has opined that the "suicide" note recovered from the place of incident was written by the deceased boy.

Encroachment on the roads in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi

4883. SHRIRAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unauthorized hawkers have encroached upon the roads in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi during the last one year causing traffic jams on roads;

(b) whether Delhi Police have failed to remove these unauthorized hawkers causing lot of inconvenience to the residents; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to remove all the unauthorized hawkers from the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Delhi Police take appropriate legal action against unauthorized encroachments on public roads. It also assists the land owning agencies in the removal of unauthorized encroachment on public land.

Non-Payment of salary to Commandos

†4884. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Commandos of Delhi Police engaged in security of VIPs. and YV IPs;

(b) since how many months such commandos engaged in security have not been paid salary and the names of officials responsible; and

(c) steps taken by Government to take action against officials responsible for not making payments and for making immediate payments to all the commandos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) There are at present 182 Commandos of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Delhi Police deployed for security of protected persons. There was some delay in release of salary of seventy-one of these Commandos for the months of February and March, 2003 due to certain procedural constraints. The matter has since been settled and the commandos in question paid their salaries.

Special Police Officers working with the Delhi Police

4885. SHRILALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Special Police Officers, presently working with the Delhi Police, Police Station-wise,

(b) the number amongst them who have been working for (i) upto 5 years, (ii) more than 5 years but upto lOyears, (iii) more than 10 years but upto 15years and (iv) more than 20 years;

(c) what are the specific terms of appointments of the Special Police Officers alongwith the honorarium, conveyance allowance and other perks admissible to them;

(d) whether Government propose to remove the old, infirm and the like incumbents by infusing young blood without party affiliations to make the scheme more useful to the society; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the Statement enclosed *(See* below/

(c) The Special Police officers are appointed, as and when required, to assist Delhi Police to maintain law and order in Delhi. They are not, however, entitled to receive any honorarium or allowances.

(d) The appointment of these Special Police Officers is not made on the basis of party affiliations and their continuation in this assignment is reviewed from time to time.

(e) Does not arise.